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proximal end, a distal end, and a lumen therebetween, wherein at least a section of the shaft is formed from an extruded polymeric catheter shaft of polyetheretherketone polymeric material that is substantially transparent.

13. (Amended) An intraluminal balloon catheter, comprising:

(a) an elongated catheter shaft having a proximal end, a distal end, an inflation lumen, and having a substantially transparent shaft section formed of an extruded amorphous polymeric material near the proximal end;

(b) an inflatable member on a distal section of the shaft, having a proximal end, a distal end, and an interior in fluid communication with the inflation lumen.